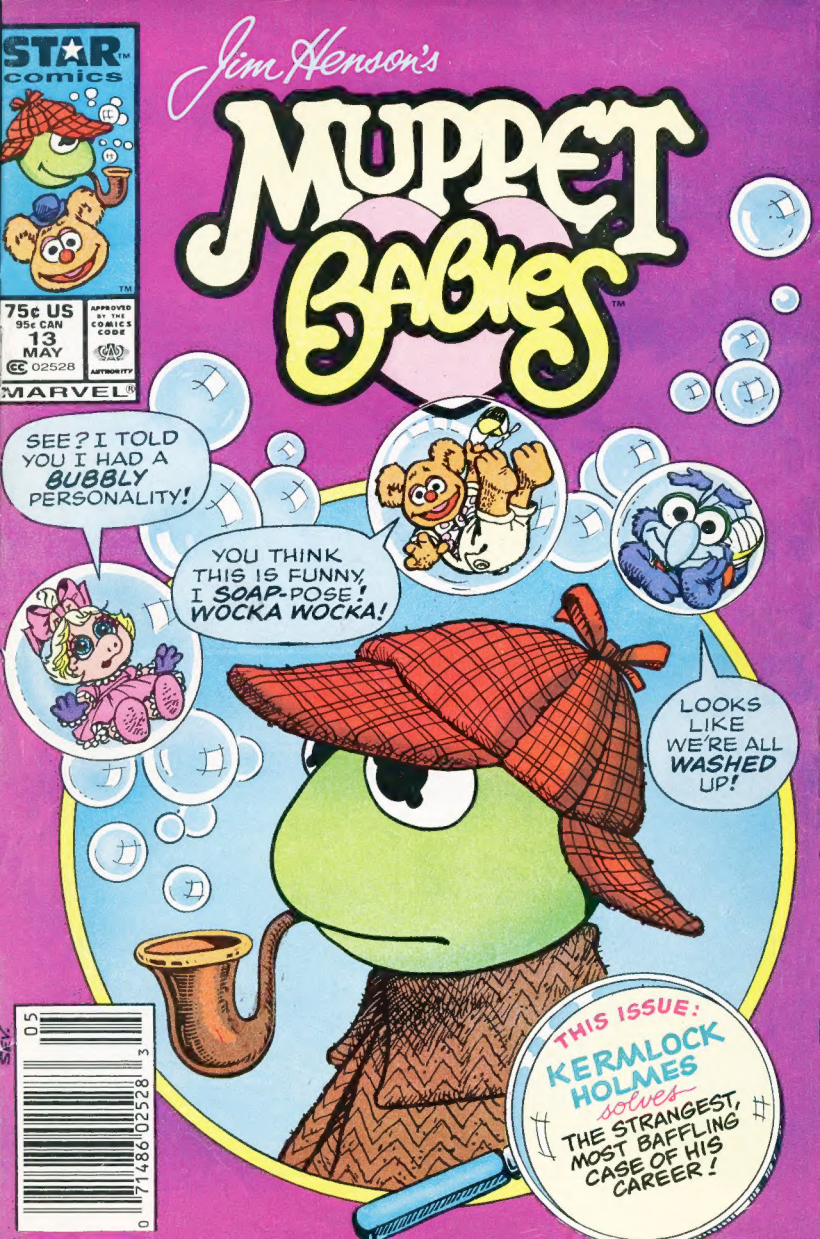
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SEE? I TOLD YOU I HAD A BUBBLY PERSONALITY!
YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY, I SOAP-POSE! WOCKA WOCKA!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALL WASHED UP!
THIS ISSUE:
KERMLOCK HOLMES solves THE STRANGEST, MOST BAFFLING CASE OF HIS CAREER!

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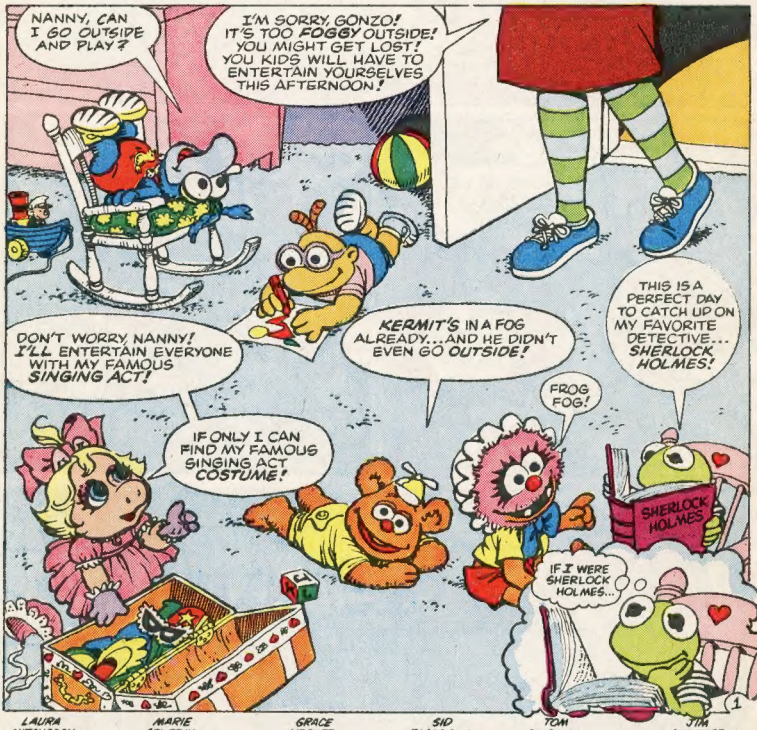
NANNY, CAN I GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY?
I'M SORRY, GONZO! IT'S TOO FOGGY OUTSIDE! YOU MIGHT GET LOST! YOU KIDS WILL HAVE TO ENTERTAIN YOURSELVES THIS AFTERNOON!
DON'T WORRY, NANNY! I'LL ENTERTAIN EVERYONE WITH MY FAMOUS SINGING ACT!
KERMIT'S IN A FOG ALREADY...AND HE DIDN'T EVEN GO OUTSIDE!
THIS IS A PERFECT DAY TO CATCH UP ON MY FAVORITE DETECTIVE... SHERLOCK HOLMES!
FROG FOG!
IF ONLY I CAN FIND MY FAMOUS SINGING ACT COSTUME!
SHERLOCK HOLMES
IF I WERE SHERLOCK HOLMES...
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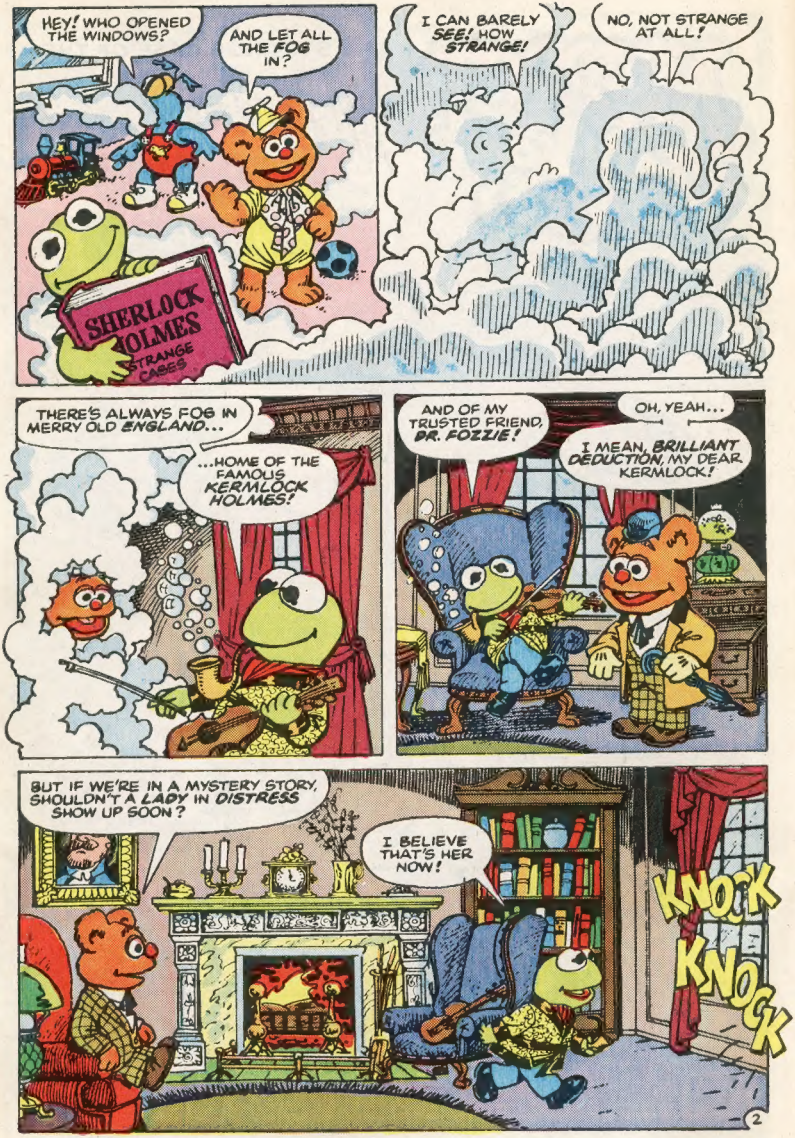
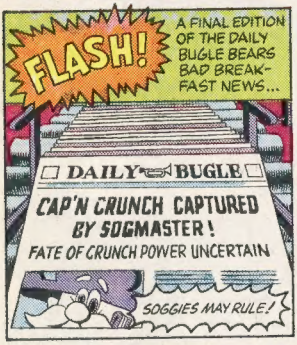

HEY! WHO OPENED THE WINDOWS?
AND LET ALL THE FOG IN?
SHERLOCK HOLMES STRANGE CASES
I CAN BARELY SEE! HOW STRANGE!
NO, NOT STRANGE AT ALL!
THERE'S ALWAYS FOG IN MERRY OLD ENGLAND...
...HOME OF THE FAMOUS KERMLOCK HOLMES!
AND OF MY TRUSTED FRIEND, DR. FOZZIE!
OH, YEAH...
I MEAN, BRILLIANT DEDUCTION, MY DEAR KERMLOCK!
BUT IF WE'RE IN A MYSTERY STORY, SHOULDN'T A LADY IN DISTRESS SHOW UP SOON?
I BELIEVE THAT'S HER NOW!
KNOCK KNOCK

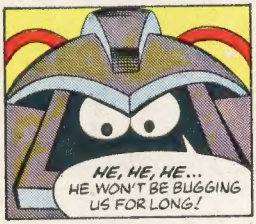
ALAS! I HAVE NEED OF GREAT INVESTIGATORS!
WHO, US?
NO, BUT YOU'LL DO!
TELL US YOUR PROBLEM, M'LADY!
I AM A FAMOUS SINGER IN A FAMOUS THEATRE BY THE WHARF! I HAVE A SPECIAL ACT! VERY POPULAR WITH THE FISHERMEN!
PLOP!
CRUNCH!
BUT TWO DAYS AGO, MY MERMAID COSTUME DISAPPEARED FROM MY DRESSING ROOM! HERE'S A PICTURE!
I SEE! YOU'RE A LADY IN DISTRESS, BUT YOU'D RATHER BE A LADY IN THAT DRESS! WOCKA-WOCKA!
HOLY MACKEREL, A MUSICAL REVUE
STARRING
MISS PIGGY
HEY! ARE YOU GUYS INVESTIGATORS OR COMEDIANS?!
DON'T MIND DR. FOZZIE! TAKE US TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!
THESE ARE YOUR FANS?
LOVELY LOT, AREN'T THEY?
HERE WE ARE! COME MEET MY DIRECTOR!
FOGGY BOTTOM THEATRE
CANCELLED

THERE YOU ARE, MISS PIGGY! HAS YOUR COSTUME SHOWN UP YET?
NO, MR. GONZO!
WITHOUT YOUR COSTUME, THERE CAN BE NO SHOW!
I'M RUINED!
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD START THINKING ABOUT LIFE AFTER SHOW BUSINESS!
WELL, THESE ARE KERMLOCK HOLMES...AND DR. FOZZIE, THE FAMOUS DETECTIVES! THEY'LL HELP ME!
BONK!
LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
MYSTERIOUS PICTURES OF DRESSES?
$5 99
MUST BE A RANSOM NOTE!
YOU'RE A SINGER, SO I KNEW A NOTE WOULD BE IMPORTANT!
UGH!
WE'VE NO TIME FOR JOKES, DR. FOZZIE! LET'S GO!

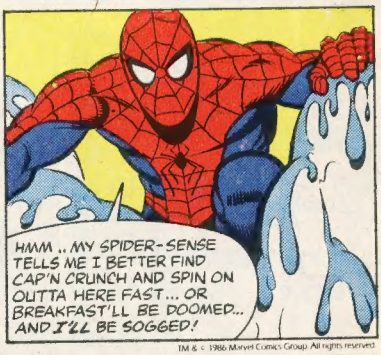
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN IN THE

FREE THE CAP'N MYSTERY


FLASH!
A FINAL EDITION OF THE DAILY BUGLE BEARS BAD BREAK-FAST NEWS...
DAILY BUGLE
CAP'N CRUNCH CAPTURED BY SOGMASTER!
FATE OF CRUNCH POWER UNCERTAIN
SOGGIES MAY RULE!



OH NO! WILL SPIDEY FREE THE CAP'N BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE??? HE MIGHT... AND YOU CAN HELP HIM DURING THE "FREE THE CAP'N" SWEEPSTAKES! BOXES OF CAP'N CRUNCH CEREAL HAVE EXCITING GAMES, CLUES AND SECRET PHONE NUMBERS TO TELL YOU HOW. IF YOU DO FREE THE CAP'N, YOU COULD BE ONE OF THE 10,000 WINNERS TO SHARE **$1,000,000.**


HMM .. MY SPIDER-SENSE TELLS ME I BETTER FIND CAP'N CRUNCH AND SPIN ON OUTTA HERE FAST... OR BREAKFAST'LL BE DOOMED... AND I'LL BE SOGGED!

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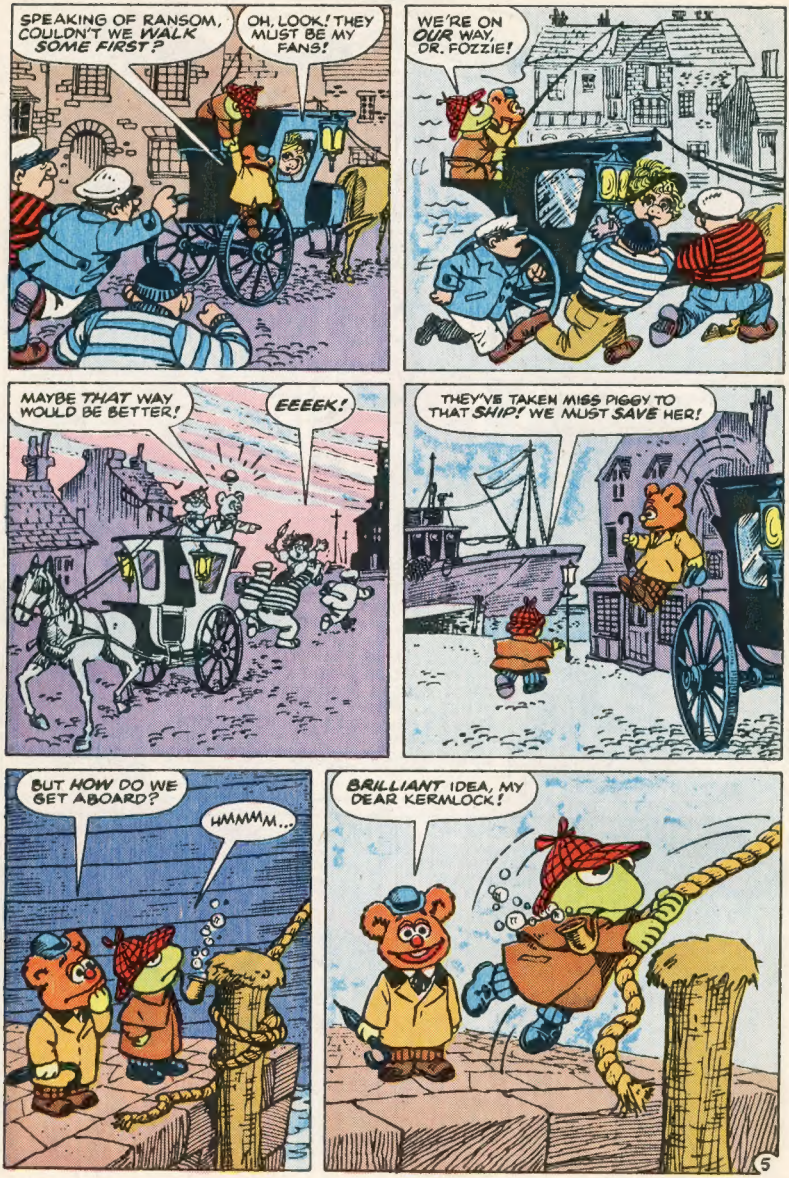
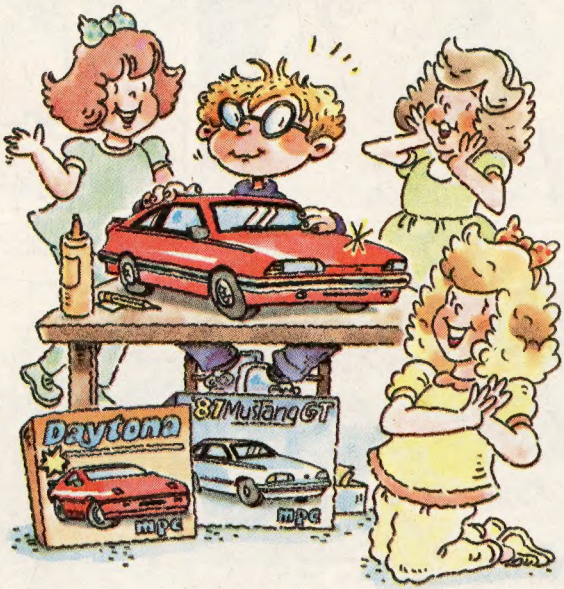

SPEAKING OF RANSOM, COULDN'T WE WALK SOME FIRST?
OH, LOOK! THEY MUST BE MY FANS!
WE'RE ON OUR WAY, DR. FOZZIE!
MAYBE THAT WAY WOULD BE BETTER!
EEEEK!
THEY'VE TAKEN MISS PIGGY TO THAT SHIP! WE MUST SAVE HER!
BUT HOW DO WE GET ABOARD?
HMMMM...
BRILLIANT IDEA, MY DEAR KERMLOCK!

BUILD A REPUTATION.



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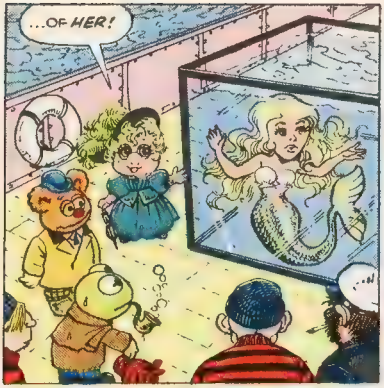
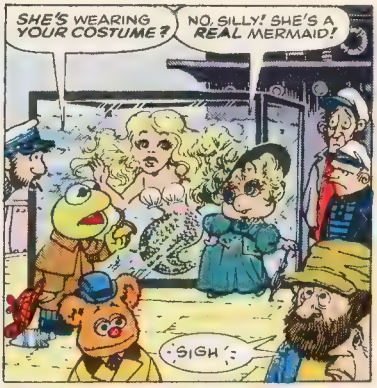
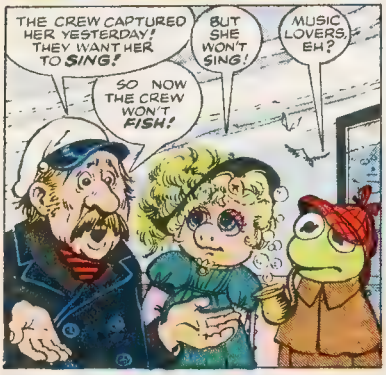
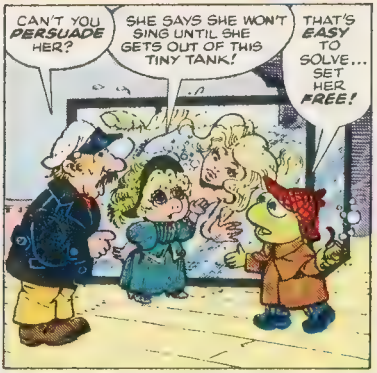
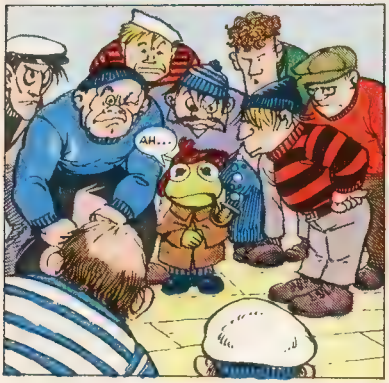
OOPS! I'M SLIPPING!
SPLASH!
WELL, MAYBE NOT THAT BRILLIANT AFTER ALL!
YOU SHOULD HAVE CALLED! WE WOULD HAVE LET DOWN THE GANGPLANK!
PLOP!
Y-YOU WEREN'T KIDNAPPED?
OF COURSE NOT! THESE ARE MY FRIENDS!
THEY JUST NEEDED MY HELP BECAUSE...


...OF HER!


SHE'S WEARING YOUR COSTUME?
NO, SILLY! SHE'S A REAL MERMAID!
SIGH


THE CREW CAPTURED HER YESTERDAY! THEY WANT HER TO SING!
SO NOW THE CREW WON'T FISH!
BUT SHE WON'T SING!
MUSIC LOVERS, EH?


CAN'T YOU PERSUADE HER?
SHE SAYS SHE WON'T SING UNTIL SHE GETS OUT OF THIS TINY TANK!
THAT'S EASY TO SOLVE... SET HER FREE!


AH...

...HOW ABOUT SEASON TICKETS TO MISS PIGGY'S SHOW FOR EVERYONE?!

BETCHA BITE A CHIP with Chips Ahoy!

THERE ARE SO MANY CHOCOLATE CHIPS IN A CHIPS AHOY! COOKIE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BITE A COOKIE WITHOUT BITING A CHIP. SEE IF YOU CAN "EAT" YOUR WAY THROUGH THIS MAZE, "BITING" INTO AS FEW CHIPS AS POSSIBLE.

BETCHA BITE A CHIP SCALE

5 OR MORE – YOU BIT A MOUTHFUL (TRY AGAIN)
4 CHIPS – CHOCOLATE MUNCHER
3 CHIPS – NOT A BAD BIT O' BITING, BUDDY
2 CHIPS – CHOOSY CHEWER
1 CHIP – CHIP SKIPPER
0 CHIPS – IMPOSSIBLE! (WE TOLD YOU)

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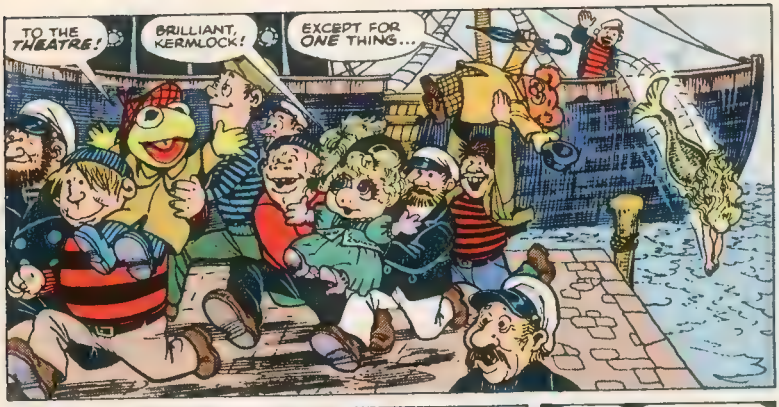
TO THE THEATRE!
BRILLIANT, KERMLOCK!
EXCEPT FOR ONE THING...

...WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE PIGGY'S COSTUME IS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? OF COURSE WE KNOW WHERE THE COSTUME IS!
ULP!

WE DO?!?
WHAT ABOUT THIS MYSTERIOUS RANSOM NOTE?

MYSTERY? RANSOM NOTE? THIS IS A LAUNDRY RECEIPT!
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AWW...I WOULDVE DEDUCED THAT!
SURE... WITH A LITTLE MORE TIME!
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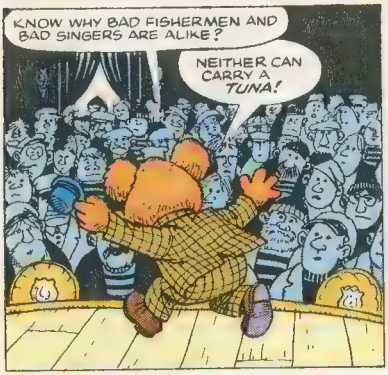
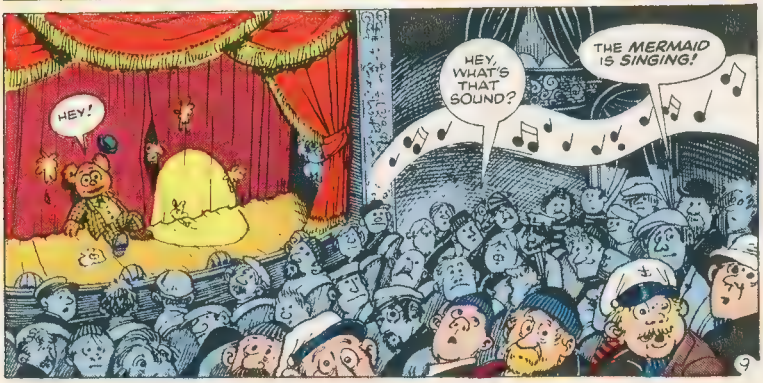
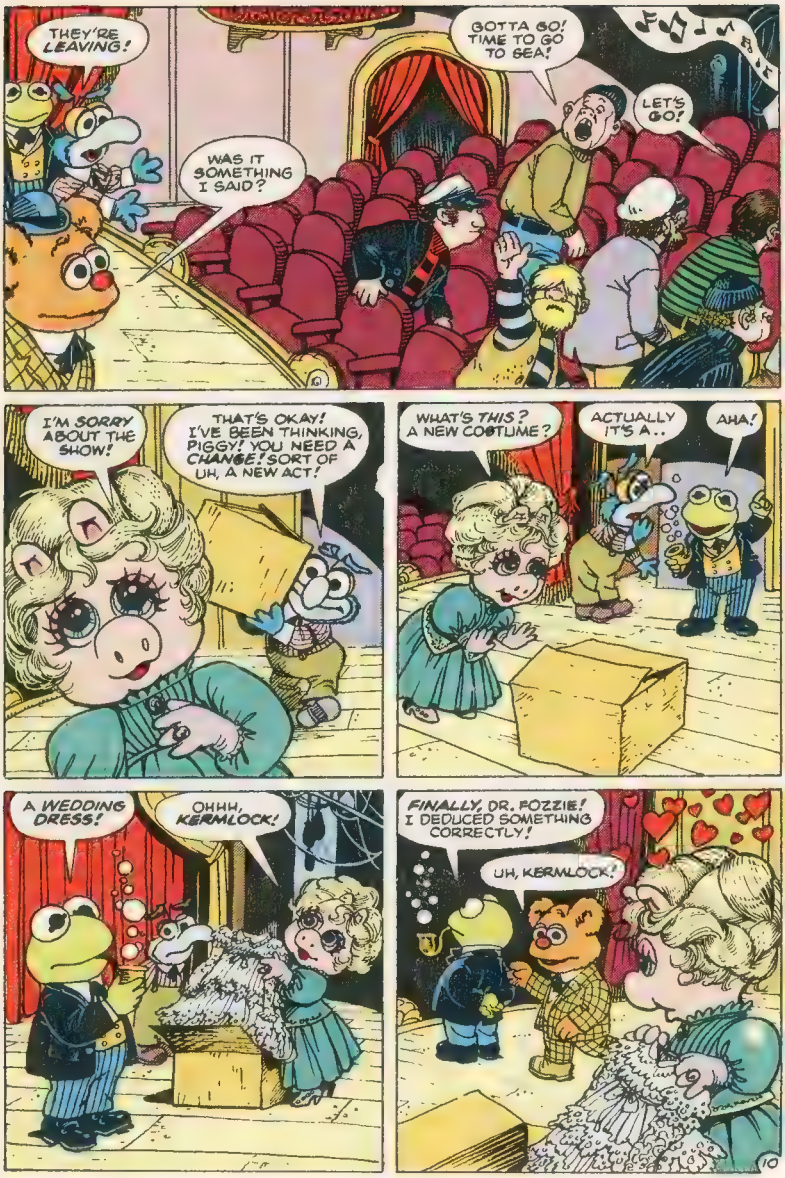
A FULL HOUSE AND NO COSTUME FOR DIGGY! WHAT'LL WE DO?
I'LL GO ON!

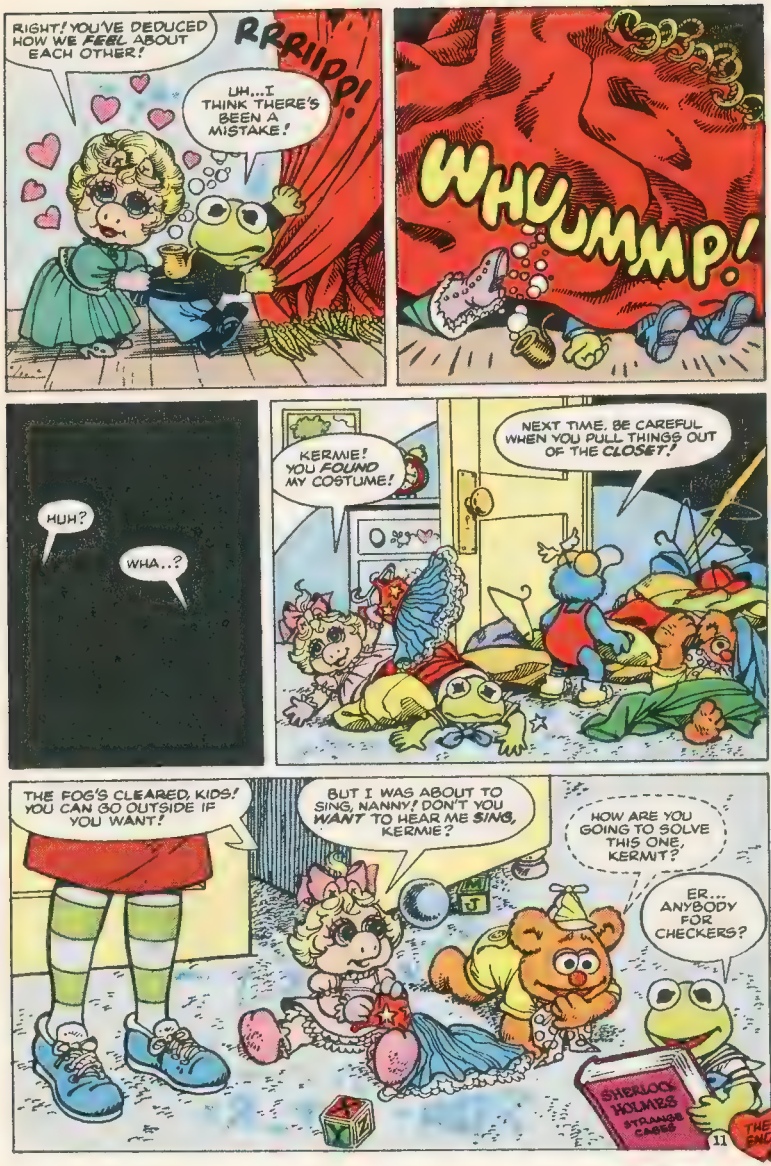
YOU?!? DR. FOZZIE?!?
FORGET THE DOCTOR STUFF! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A COMEDIAN!


KNOW WHY BAD FISHERMEN AND BAD SINGERS ARE ALIKE?
NEITHER CAN CARRY A TUNA!

NO LAUGHS? ANYBODY NEED A HERRING AID?!
WOCKA-WOCKA!
BOO!
UGH!
SPAT!


HEY!
HEY, WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
THE MERMAID IS SINGING!


THEY'RE LEAVING!
WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?
GOTTA GO! TIME TO GO TO SEA!
LET'S GO!
I'M SORRY ABOUT THE SHOW!
THAT'S OKAY! I'VE BEEN THINKING, PIGGY! YOU NEED A CHANGE! SORT OF UH, A NEW ACT!
WHAT'S THIS? A NEW COSTUME?
ACTUALLY IT'S A..
AHA!
A WEDDING DRESS!
OHHH, KERMLOCK!
FINALLY, DR. FOZZIE! I DEDUCED SOMETHING CORRECTLY!
UH, KERMLOCK!


RIGHT! YOU'VE DEDUCED HOW WE FEEL ABOUT EACH OTHER!
RRRIIPP!
UH... I THINK THERE'S BEEN A MISTAKE!
WHUUMMP!
HUH?
WHA..?
KERMIE! YOU FOUND MY COSTUME!
NEXT TIME, BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU PULL THINGS OUT OF THE CLOSET!
THE FOG'S CLEARED, KIDS! YOU CAN GO OUTSIDE IF YOU WANT!
BUT I WAS ABOUT TO SING, NANNY! DON'T YOU WANT TO HEAR ME SING, KERMIE?
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SOLVE THIS ONE, KERMIT?
ER... ANYBODY FOR CHECKERS?
SHERLOCK HOLMES STRANGE CASES
THE END

MUPPET BABIES OUT OF THIS WORLD

THE MUPPET BABIES SEEM TO HAVE THE NURSERY SHIPSHAPE... SPACESHIP SHAPE, THAT IS! HOLD ON TO YOUR IMAGINATIONS AS THEY GO WHERE NO MUPPET HAS GONE BEFORE!
ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO, CAPTAIN KERMIT!
THANK YOU, MR. GONZO!
SET A COURSE FOR PRINCESS PIGGY'S PLANET!
IT'S SO NICE OF YOU TO TAKE ME BACK TO MY PLANET SO I CAN BECOME QUEEN!
I HOPE WE CAN STOP IN THE MILKY WAY! I'M THIRSTY!
COURSE SET, CAPTAIN KERMIT!
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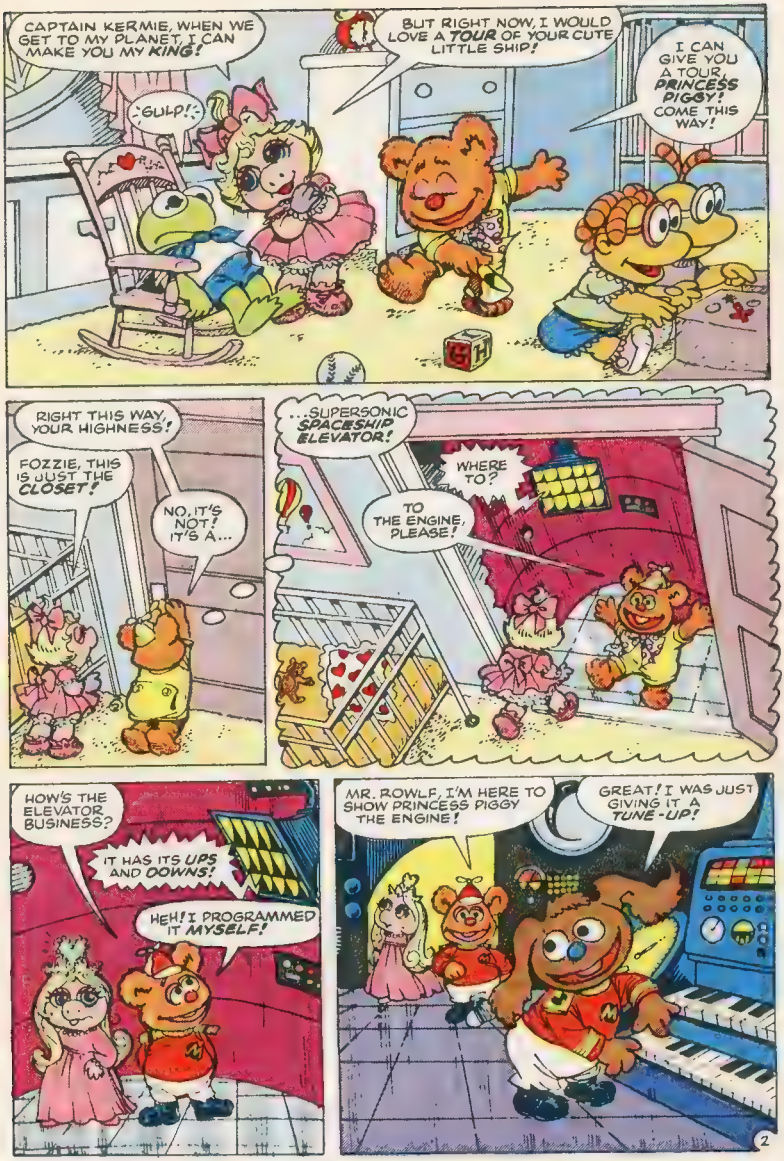
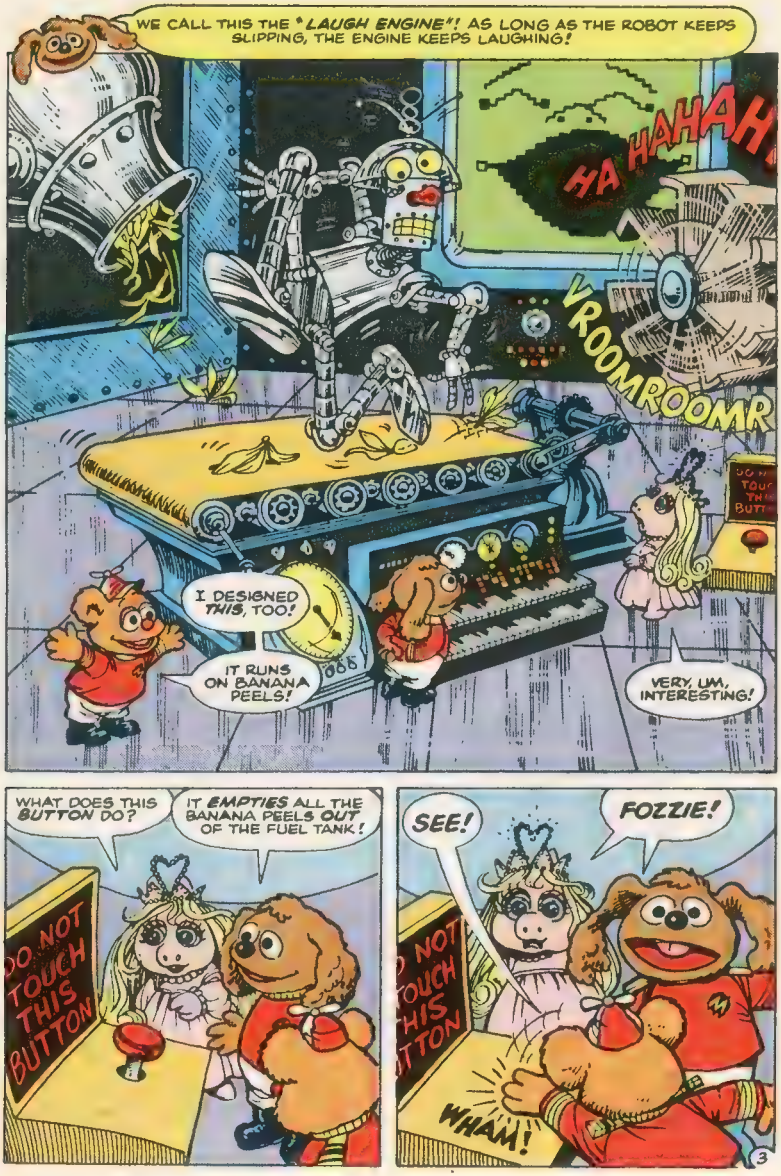
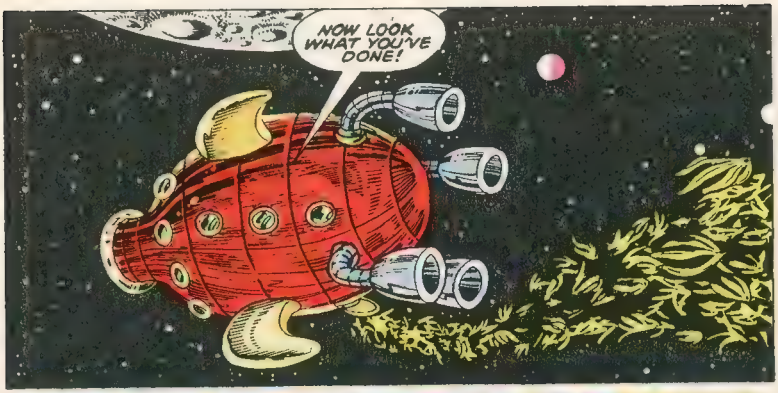
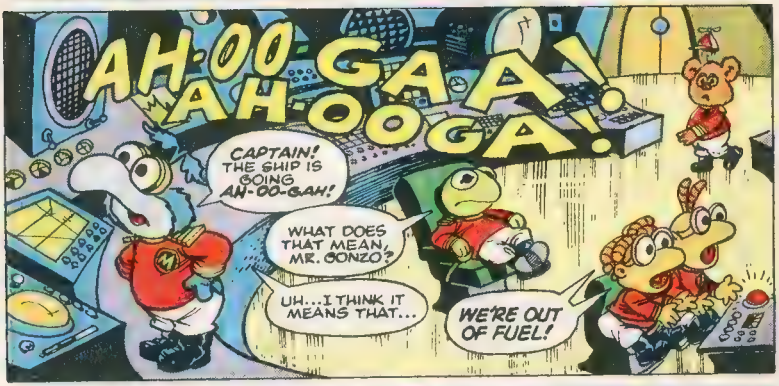
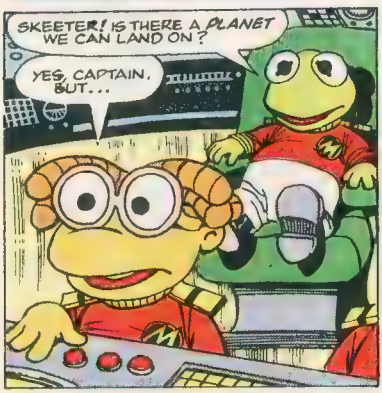
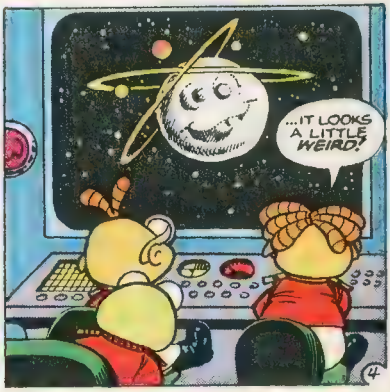

CAPTAIN KERMIE, WHEN WE GET TO MY PLANET, I CAN MAKE YOU MY KING!
:GULP!:
BUT RIGHT NOW, I WOULD LOVE A TOUR OF YOUR CUTE LITTLE SHIP!
I CAN GIVE YOU A TOUR, PRINCESS PIGGY! COME THIS WAY!
RIGHT THIS WAY, YOUR HIGHNESS!
FOZZIE, THIS IS JUST THE CLOSET!
NO, IT'S NOT! IT'S A...
...SUPERSONIC SPACESHIP ELEVATOR!
WHERE TO?
TO THE ENGINE, PLEASE!
HOW'S THE ELEVATOR BUSINESS?
IT HAS ITS UPS AND DOWNS!
HEH! I PROGRAMMED IT MYSELF!
MR. ROWLF, I'M HERE TO SHOW PRINCESS PIGGY THE ENGINE!
GREAT! I WAS JUST GIVING IT A TUNE-UP!

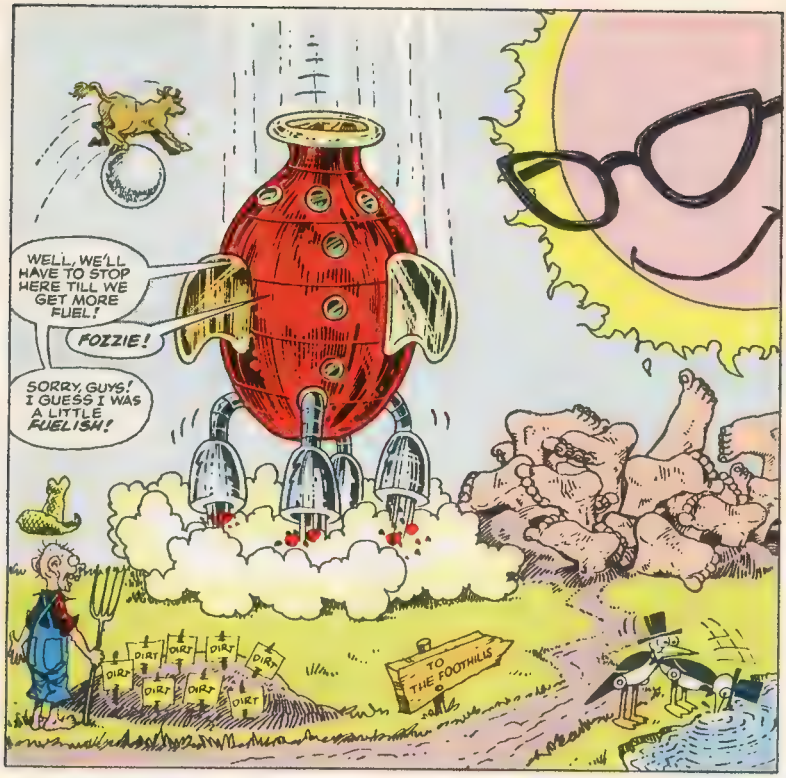

WE CALL THIS THE "LAUGH ENGINE"! AS LONG AS THE ROBOT KEEPS SLIPPING, THE ENGINE KEEPS LAUGHING!
HA HAHAHA
VROOMROOMR
I DESIGNED THIS, TOO!
IT RUNS ON BANANA PEELS!
VERY, UM, INTERESTING!
WHAT DOES THIS BUTTON DO?
IT EMPTIES ALL THE BANANA PEELS OUT OF THE FUEL TANK!
DO NOT TOUCH THIS BUTTON
SEE!
FOZZIE!
WHAM!


NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!


AH-OO-GAA!
AH-OOGA!
CAPTAIN! THE SHIP IS GOING AH-OO-GAH!
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, MR. GONZO?
UH...I THINK IT MEANS THAT...
WE'RE OUT OF FUEL!


SKEETER! IS THERE A PLANET WE CAN LAND ON?
YES, CAPTAIN, BUT...


...IT LOOKS A LITTLE WEIRD!


WELL, WE'LL HAVE TO STOP HERE TILL WE GET MORE FUEL!
FOZZIE!
SORRY, GUYS! I GUESS I WAS A LITTLE FUELISH!
DIRT
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DIRT
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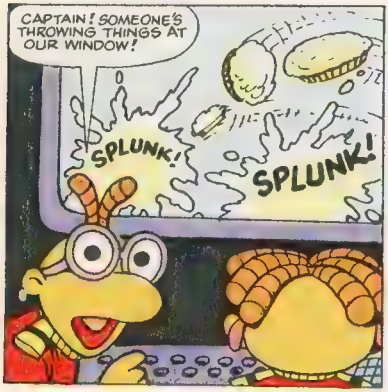
DIRT
DIRT
DIRT
TO THE FOOTHILLS


CAPTAIN! SOMEONE'S THROWING THINGS AT OUR WINDOW!
SPLUNK!
SPLUNK!

SIR! THE COMPUTER SAYS IT'S BANANA CREAM PIE!

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"NEVER MIND THAT! HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET BACK UP THERE?"
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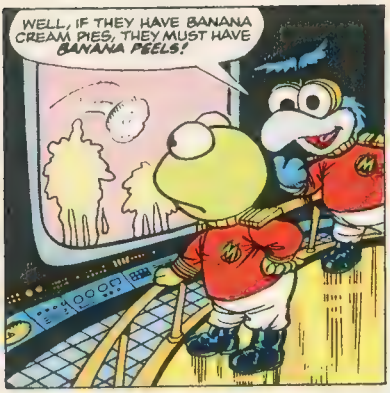
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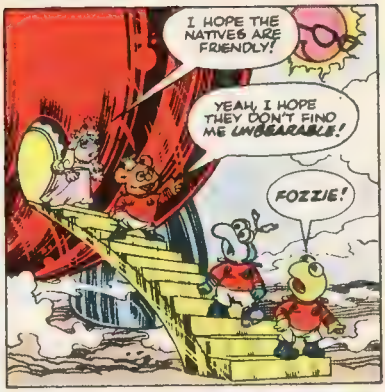
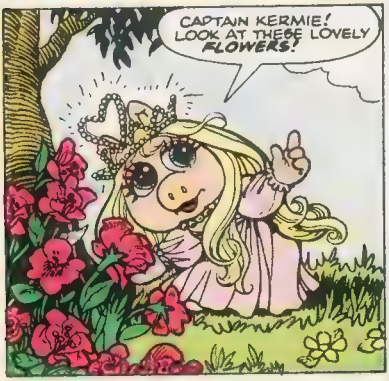
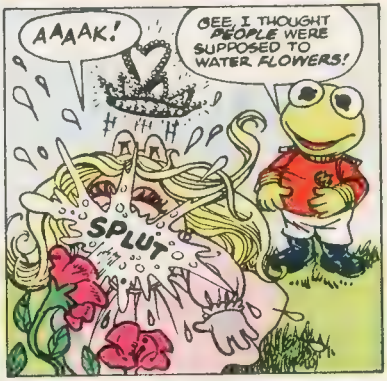
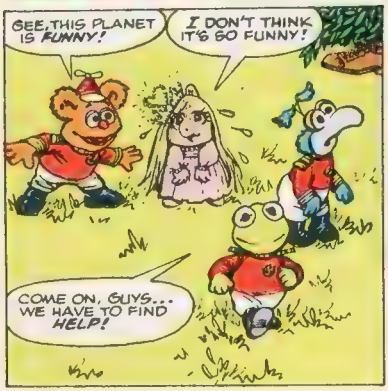
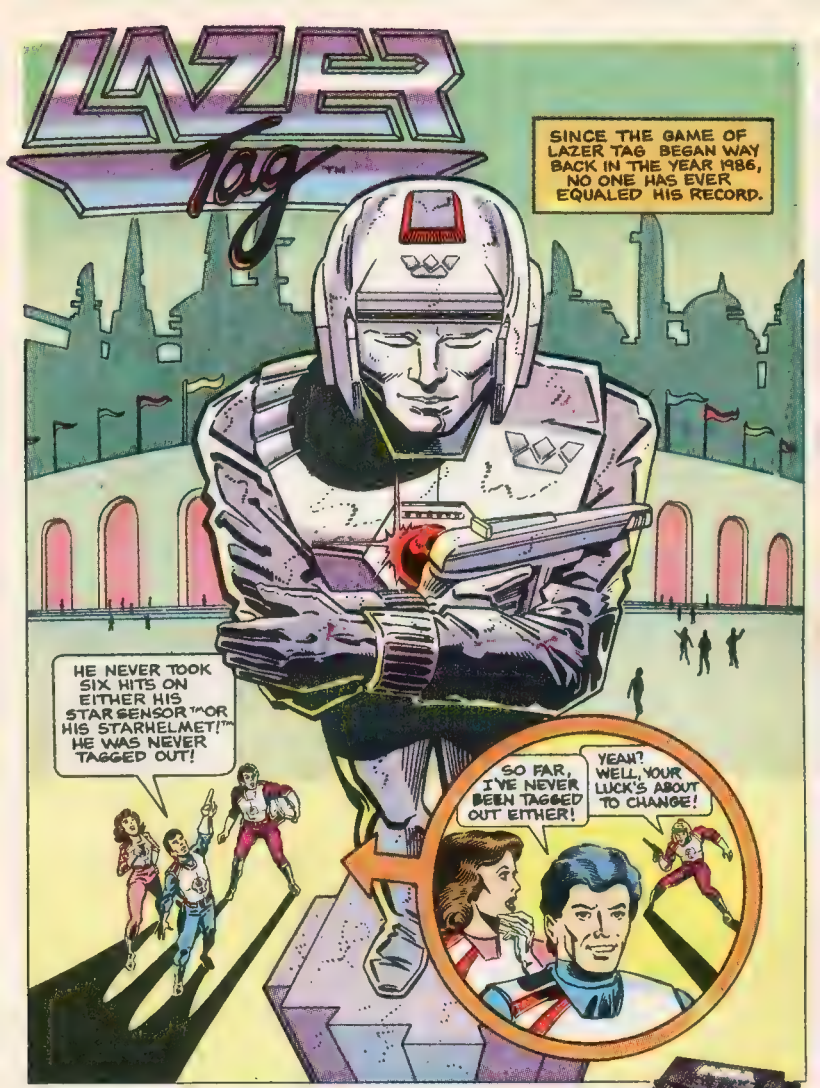

I HOPE THE NATIVES ARE FRIENDLY!
YEAH, I HOPE THEY DON'T FIND ME UNBEARABLE!
FOZZIE!


CAPTAIN KERMIE! LOOK AT THESE LOVELY FLOWERS!


AAAAK!
SEE, I THOUGHT PEOPLE WERE SUPPOSED TO WATER FLOWERS!
SPLUT


SEE, THIS PLANET IS FUNNY!
I DON'T THINK IT'S SO FUNNY!
COME ON, GUYS... WE HAVE TO FIND HELP!

HEY, EVERYONE! LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
SHOE TREE
LIFT ME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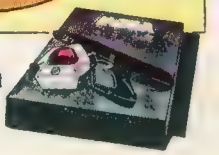

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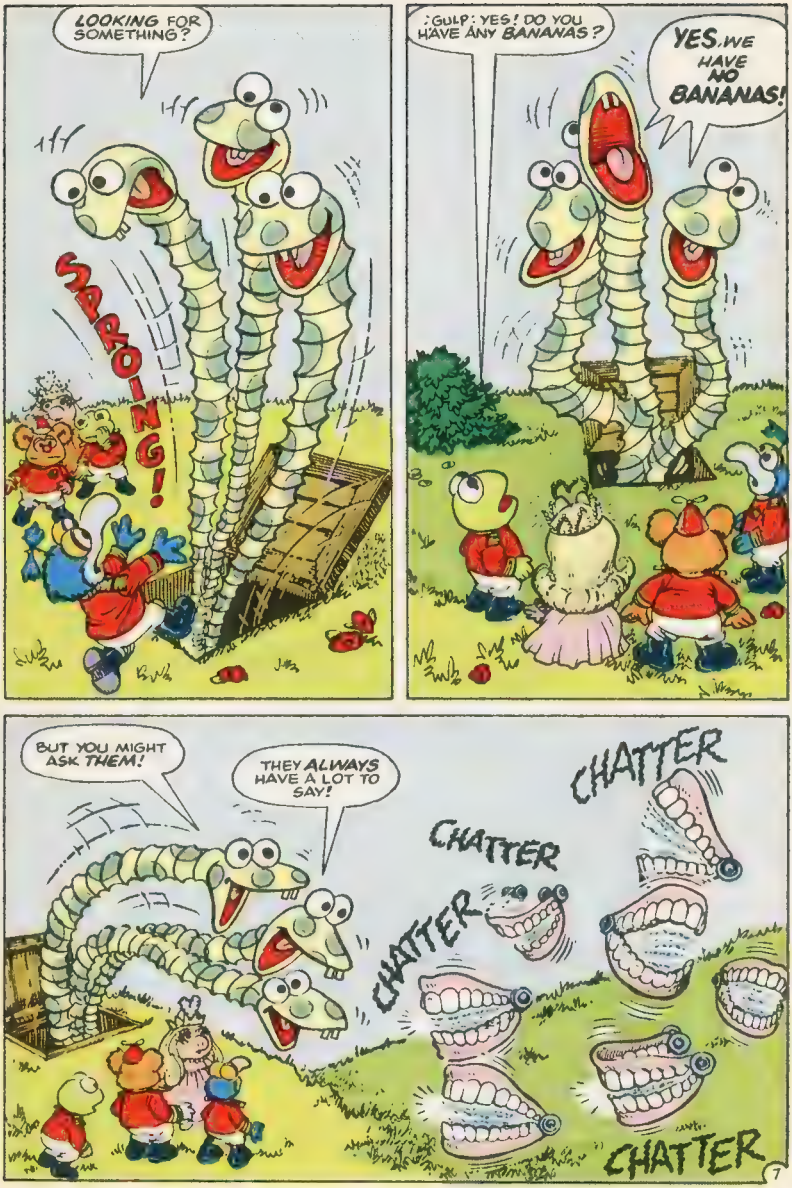
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?
SABRO-ING!
;GULP: YES! DO YOU HAVE ANY BANANAS?
YES. WE HAVE NO BANANAS!
BUT YOU MIGHT ASK THEM!
THEY ALWAYS HAVE A LOT TO SAY!
CHATTER
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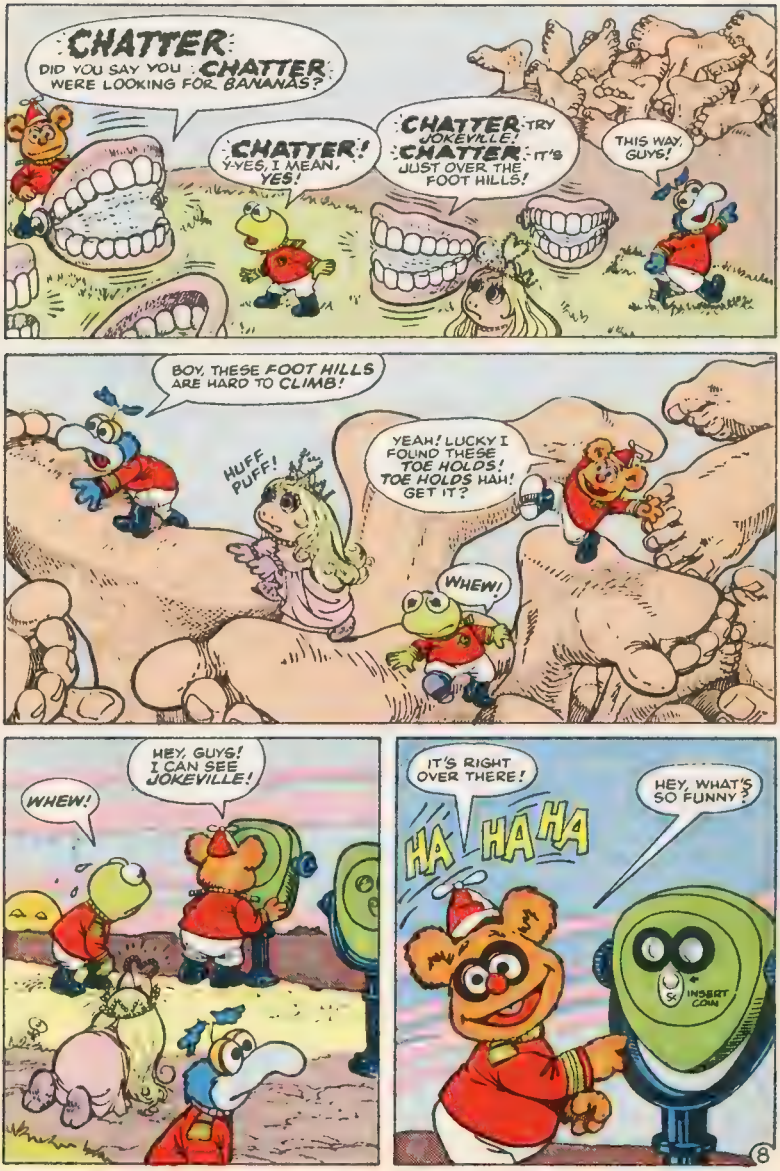
CHATTER DID YOU SAY YOU CHATTER WERE LOOKING FOR BANANAS?
CHATTER! Y-YES, I MEAN, YES!
CHATTER TRY JOKEVILLE! CHATTER IT'S JUST OVER THE FOOT HILLS!
THIS WAY, GUYS!
BOY, THESE FOOT HILLS ARE HARD TO CLIMB!
HUFF PUFF!
YEAH! LUCKY I FOUND THESE TOE HOLDS! TOE HOLDS HAH! GET IT?
WHEW!
WHEW!
HEY, GUYS! I CAN SEE JOKEVILLE!
IT'S RIGHT OVER THERE!
HA HA HA
HEY, WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
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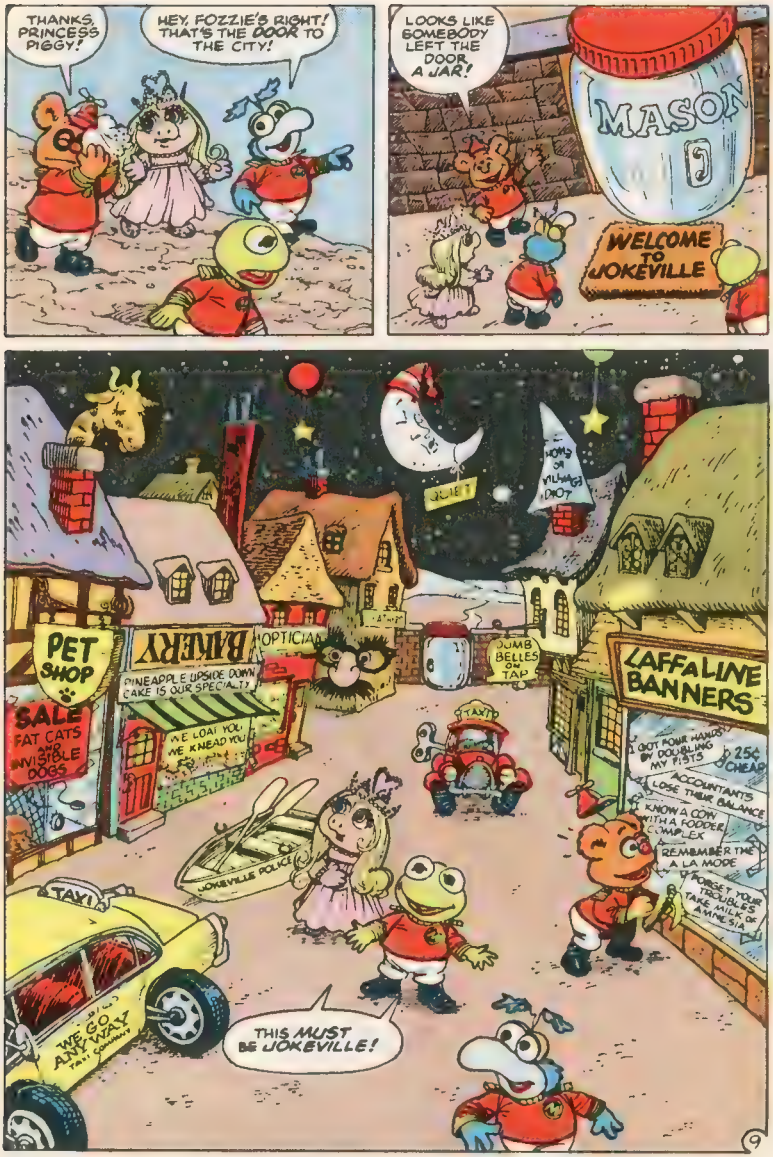
THANKS, PRINCESS PIGGY!
HEY, FOZZIE'S RIGHT! THAT'S THE DOOR TO THE CITY!
LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY LEFT THE DOOR A JAR!
MASON
WELCOME TO JOKEVILLE
PET SHOP
SALE FAT CATS AND INVISIBLE DOGS
BAKERY
PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE IS OUR SPECIALTY
WE LOAF YOU WE KNEAD YOU
OPTICIAN
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I GOT POOR HANDS BY DOUBLING MY FISTS
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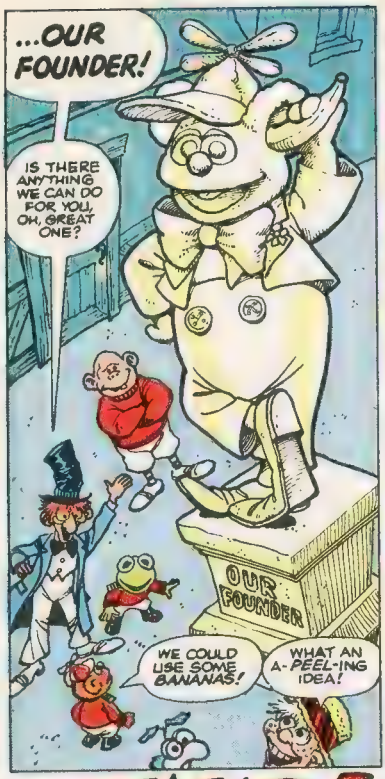
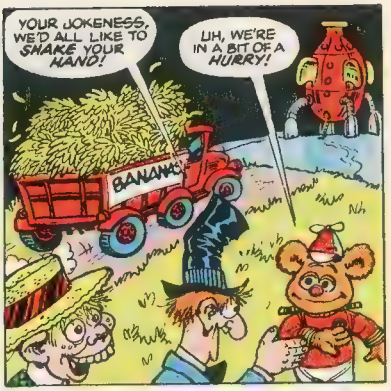
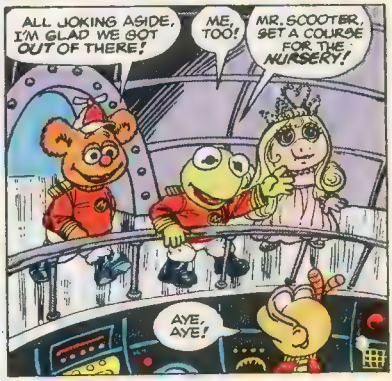
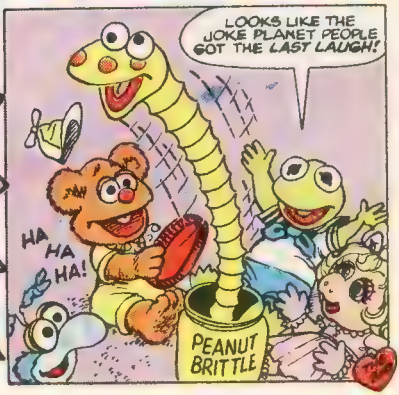
THANKS!
BZZZT!
YEEOW!
HEE HEE
HOO
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEY, CAN YOU HELP US OUT?
SURE! WHICH WAY DID YOU COME IN?
NO, NO! WE'RE TRYING TO SAY WE NEED HELP IN FINDING FUEL FOR OUR SPACESHIP!
HAVE YOU TRIED FOSSIL FUEL?
YEAH! THERE'S NO FUEL LIKE AN OLD FUEL!
FOZZIE! YOU SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE!
YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE!
O.K., HERE GOES!
HEY!
WHY HE LOOKS JUST LIKE...


...OUR FOUNDER!
IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO FOR YOU, OH, GREAT ONE?
OUR FOUNDER
WE COULD USE SOME BANANAS!
WHAT AN A-PEEL-ING IDEA!


YOUR JOKENESS, WE'D ALL LIKE TO SHAKE YOUR HAND!
UH, WE'RE IN A BIT OF A HURRY!
BANANAS


ALL JOKING ASIDE, I'M GLAD WE GOT OUT OF THERE!
ME, TOO!
MR. SCOOTER, SET A COURSE FOR THE NURSERY!
AYE, AYE!

ZAP!
HEY! WE GOT BACK JUST IN TIME FOR A SNACK!
LOOK, FOZZIE! THIS WAS JUST SITTING HERE!
PEANUT BRITTLE


LOOKS LIKE THE JOKE PLANET PEOPLE GOT THE LAST LAUGH!
HA HA HA!
PEANUT BRITTLE

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Dear S.T.A.R.,
Why don't you let Gonzo kiss Piggy, and then Piggy could fall in love with Gonzo. Give Fozzie some good jokes this time.
Susan Marie Kerekes
Arlington Hts, IL

An interesting idea, Susan Marie, but it really isn't up to us. Gonzo wants to kiss Piggy, but *she* won't let him!
As for the jokes, here's Fozzie's response: "No one needs to *give* me jokes! Why else would I get my own *'buy'*-line? WOCKA-WOCKA!"
(Why do we even ask, really?)

Dear S.T.A.R.,
I read MUPPET BABIES all the time. My favorites are Gonzo, Scooter, Rowlf, and Kermit.
I have a question. What is Gonzo? They never tell you what Gonzo is.
Jason Hill
Treasure Island, CA

Well, Gonzo has a feather, so he must be a . . . no, no. He might be . . . uh, no, not that, either. Perhaps he's a—nope, that can't be right.
Hey! Wait a second! We know *exactly* what he is . . . WEIRD!!!

Dear S.T.A.R.,
I loved MUPPET BABIES #9. When Cleopiggy got on her boat (which happened to be a tugboat) it was hilarious.
Keep up the good work!
Erika Guenero
Los Angeles, CA

Oh, all right!

Dear S.T.A.R.,
I really enjoy the MUPPET BABIES comics, especially Gonzo. But in issue #10, Gonzo didn't have very many parts, so in the following issues, could you let Gonzo have more parts?
Ben Danks
Kansas City, MO

***More* parts, Ben? We think Gonzo's pretty complete already! (How many noses can a weirdo like Gonzo use, anyway?)**

Dear S.T.A.R.,
I am a big fan of HEATHCLIFF and TOP DOG. I have the first issue of STAR Comics Magazine with HEATHCLIFF, TOP DOG, EWOKS, and MUPPET BABIES. It was really good. I'm looking forward to another digest.
But I can't find any MADBALLS comics. I've looked in lots of bookstores, but couldn't find any.
Kevin Larade
Sydney, Nova Scotia
CANADA

Thanks for the compliments, Kevin!
Maybe the reason you haven't found any issues of MADBALLS lately is that there haven't *been* any lately. Never fear, though—more are on the way! Response to the MADBALLS limited series was so great, we just *had* to launch a regular series. Look for it in February!

Dear S.T.A.R.,
I read #9, and I thought it was great! My favorite part was when Piggy and her crew got locked in the tomb.
Why does Piggy think of herself as such high quality? MUPPET BABIES is the best thing I've found since I've been reading comics!
Keep up the good work!
Rayna Stevenson

All the Babies are of high quality, Rayna. It's just that Piggy likes to explain it to everyone . . . again and again and again!

Dear MUPPET BABIES,
I absolutely love the comic MUPPET BABIES! I like all the Babies! One of the reasons I like them is because not only Gonzo is weird, they all are!
Becky Lakin
Fond du Lac, WI

Well, the Babies certainly aren't average—but since when was average any fun?

Dear S.T.A.R.,
I am 12 years old and I love to read the MUPPET BABIES. I really like the way Animal climbs everything and eats everything in sight. I like Kermit because he's the brightest (and always being chased by Piggy). I like Rowlf because he looks like the cute dog across the street, and plays the piano. I also like Scooter and Skeeter because they're always disagreeing. Fozzie always tells bad jokes—I like him because he never gets mad when people throw tomatoes at him. Piggy is the one that always gets her way and hates Gonzo.
Finally, Gonzo. What is Gonzo? He is a weirdo, and is always getting his nose honked by Piggy. For once, I wish Gonzo could finally meet his woman.
Paul Rogers
Oak Lawn, IL

In other words, Paul, you like everyone! Very diplomatic!
By the way, Piggy doesn't hate Gonzo. She loves him—but in a different way from Kermit. And we have a funny feeling that if Gonzo fell in love with someone (or something) else, Piggy would *not* let him go easily.

Dear S.T.A.R.,
I really liked "The Flying Heroes" (issue #11). Why didn't you do the other MUPPET BABIES as super heroes? I don't know why people pick a favorite Baby. I like *all* the MUPPET BABIES.
Emily Sammons
Baytown, TX

You'll get no argument from us, Emily! But don't worry. We may feature Kermit and Piggy a bit more than some of the others, but each will get his or her day in the sun—er, that is, in the nursery!

Dear S.T.A.R.,
I like your comics because they are exciting. My favorites are Gonzo and Rowlf.
But why is Kermit a frog when he should be swimming in a fish bowl? If he's a baby frog, he should be a tadpole.
Becky McNeill
Washington, CT

Hmmmm. Let's keep this one quiet, Becky, huh?

Dear S.T.A.R.,
I've got an idea for the MUPPET BABIES, a new character. How about including an alligator, as big as Kermit. He loves to read history books, and also knows Tai-kwan-do. His home is in Japan.
James Louis
Baum Holber, GERMANY

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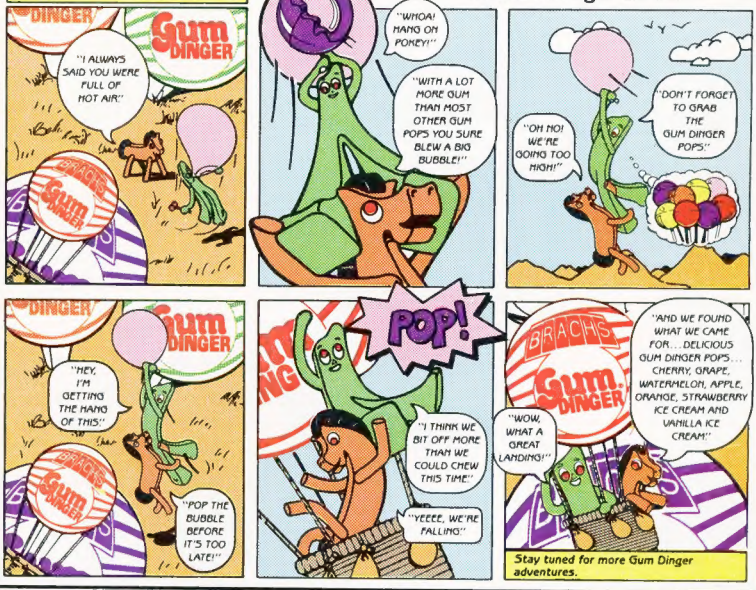
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"DON'T FORGET TO GRAB THE GUM DINGER POPS."
"HEY, I'M GETTING THE HANG OF THIS!"
"POP THE BUBBLE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!"
POP!
"I THINK WE BIT OFF MORE THAN WE COULD CHEW THIS TIME."
"YEEEE, WE'RE FALLING!"
"WOW, WHAT A GREAT LANDING!"
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